

**Electric Utilities Task Group**  
**Monday, January 14, 2013**  
**Town Hall, Old Town**  
**12:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Everett Shorey, Bill Penn, John Warfel and Barbara MacMullan. Also present were Stephanie Turag from the Block Island Times, Bryan Wilson, Deepwater Liaison, Councilors Sean McGarry and Chris Warfel, Town Manager Nancy Dodge and Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Ms. MacMullan

**Public Input**-none at this time.

**Approve minutes of December 14, 2012**

Minutes were approved with a correction to the meeting schedule time in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by John Warfel.

Ayes (Shorey, Penn, Warfel, MacMullan) Nays 0

**Election of Officers**

Barbara MacMullan was elected Chairperson and Everett Shorey was elected Vice Chair in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by John Warfel.

Ayes (Shorey, Penn, Warfel, MacMullan) Nays 0

**Deepwater Update**

Mr. Wilson mentioned that the ACOE date was extended to February 10 and the CRMC date was extended to February 14.

Discussed were:

- Investment tax credits
- production tax credits
- Fiber optics
- decommissioning
- Landfall in Narragansett
- BIPCO substation

There was an extended discussion about decommissioning with the question of whether or not there should be an independent expert involved. It was thought that a reasonable first step would be to ask the CRMC to explain their plans for decommissioning requirements. Town Manager Nancy Dodge will contact the CRMC and report back to the EUTG.

\*Decommissioning will be on next month's agenda.\

**Streetlight acquisition**

\*Councilor Warfel asked the EUTG to prepare a report to the Town Council that covers:

- How many streetlights
- What does the Town pay a month
- What would it cost to acquire the streetlights

- What is the cost of the new LED lites.
- What is the operating cost of the new lights.

### **Future Role of BIPCO**

\*Mr. McGarry and Mr. Warfel requested that the EUTG investigate and prepare a report about BIPCO's future role in a cable scenario. There was a discussion about the role that the consultant for the town, Mr. LaCapra, plays in this. He has been having a dialogue with Mr. McGinnes. Barbara MacMullan will work on this with Everett Shorey for the next meeting.

### **Estimation of costs for feasibility study and cost analysis of a stand-alone cable.**

It was determined that these should be available from the consultant.

### **Island based solutions**

There was a discussion about what a study would cost with no action.

At 2:04 p.m. a motion was made by Everett Shorey and seconded by Bill Penn to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted: 2/11/2013

Bonny Ryan

\*denotes items for next agenda